GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:242
ANSWERED ON:20.11.2002
SIDE EFFECT OF DEPO-PROVERA, CONTRACEPTIVE
DALPAT SINGH PARASTE

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Womens` groups have called for a check on the use of Depo-Provera, an injectible contraceptive, which is leading to serious side effects among women;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government have conducted any study in this regard;

(d) if so, the out-come thereof; and

(e) the reaction of Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Women`s organizations are apprehensive about the side effects of the injectible contraceptive like disruption of regular menstrual bleeding, cessation of the monthly cycle or irregular bleeding, general weakness, migraine, severe abdominal cramps. They have also claimed that the use of injectible contraceptive can lead to reduction in bone density increasing the risk of osteoporosis.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Not Applicable.

(e) The Government is not contemplating inclusion of injectible contraceptive in the National Family Welfare Programme.